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8. ☒ In addition to the documents cited, the Office's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number(s), copies of which are attached for the convenience of the Office:
- a. Serial No. 10/625,281; filed 7/23/03; Schlosser et al.
 - b. Serial No. 10/655,886; filed 9/5/03; Sebastian et al..
 - c. Serial No. 10/656,313; filed 9/5/03; Bauer et al.
 - d. Serial No. 10/656,398; filed 9/5/03; Bauer et al.
 - e. Serial No. 10/656,406; filed 9/5/03; Bauer et al.
 - f. Serial No. 10/660,079; filed 9/11/03; Thewes et al.
 - g. Serial No. 10/669,973; filed 9/24/03; Knop et al.
 - h. Serial No. 10/669,483; filed 9/24/03; Knop et al.
9. ☒ The "Brandschutz" document discloses the addition of hollow gloss beads to polyester molding compositions.

Pages 490-497 of "Anorganische Chemie" discloses an overview of silicates.

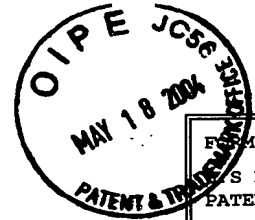
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